

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 19
Apr	May 20	May 25
May	June 17	June 21
June	July 22	July 26
July	Aug 19	Aug 23
Aug	Sept 20	Sept 20
Sept	Oct 21	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 18	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 24

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2014	Qtr 3	1,549,800	0.2%
	Qtr 4	1,553,300	0.2%
2015	Qtr 1	1,559,000	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,560,200	0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,559,500	0.0%
	Qtr 4	1,570,000	0.7%
2016	Qtr 1	1,576,700	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,579,800	0.2%

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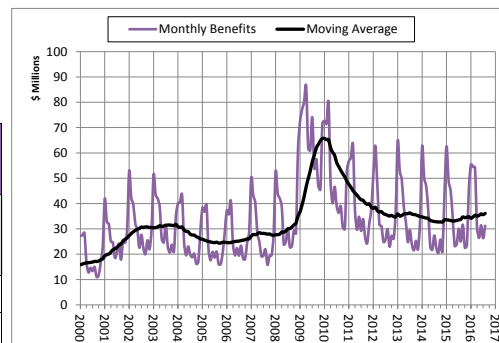
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- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased slightly to 4.2 percent in August. The rate stood at 3.6 percent one year ago.
- The total number of working Iowans increased to 1,642,300 in August. This is 1,700 higher than last month and 3,600 higher than one year ago.
- The U.S. jobless rate remained at 4.9 percent in August.

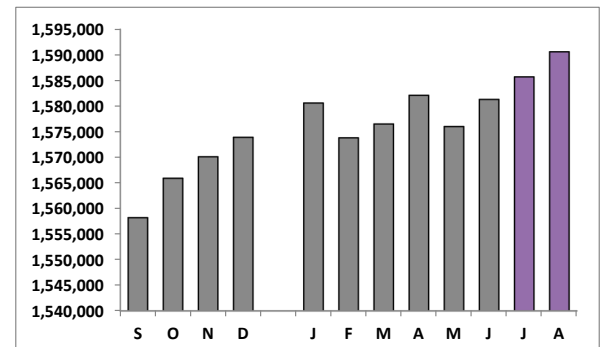
Unemployment Insurance Benefits Paid Regular State UI Only



Source: Iowa Workforce Development

- The monthly UI benefit payout averaged \$36.1 million for the twelve months ending August 2016. This is 7 percent higher than the same period for 2015.
- New vehicle registrations have trended down through July and are now 9.4 percent lower annually. Domestic auto producers are down 12.0 percent versus 4.4 percent for foreign auto producers.
- U.S. nonfarm employment added 151,000 jobs in August following two substantial gains in June and July averaging 273,000 jobs. The annual growth rate is 0.3 percent lower than Iowa's 2.0 percent.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa August 2015 - August 2016



- Iowa establishments added jobs for the third consecutive month, gaining 4,900 jobs in August.
- Leisure and hospitality led all sectors with 1,400 jobs added. This marked the third gain in the last four months.
- Trade and transportation was fueled by larger-than-expected hiring in retail and added 1,300 jobs.
- Manufacturing experienced a small increase for the second straight month yet remains down 5,000 jobs annually.
- Iowa's nonfarm employment remains up 31,200 jobs (+2.0 percent) annually. Six of the ten private sectors have added jobs since last year.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2016

